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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the action mailed January, 5, 2004, is requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 and 27-40 are pending in this application. Claims 13 and 41 are canceled. Claims 14-26 were previously canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 6, 8-12, 27-28, 29-30, 34, and 36-40 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,021,412 ("Ho") in view of U.S. Patent 5,982,369 ("Sciammarella") and U.S. Patent 5,404,435 ("Rosenbaum").

The Examiner rejected claims 3-5 and 31-33 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ho in view of Sciammarella and Rosenbaum, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,480,837 B1 ("Dutta").

The Examiner rejected claims 7 and 35 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ho in view of Sciammarella and Rosenbaum, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,526,170 ("Matsumoto").

Applicant has amended claims 1-2, 6, 12, 27, 29-30, 34-36, and 38-40 for clarity and to provide clearer antecedent basis. No new matter is added.

Section 103(a) rejections:

Independent claims 1 and 27 were rejected as unpatentable over Ho in view of Sciammarella and Rosenbaum. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 27 and respectfully submits that Ho, Sciammarella, and Rosenbaum, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest elements of claims 1 and 27. Claims 1 and 27 each recite "receiving a document comprising text and a plurality of images, each of the plurality of images having a location in the document," "extracting one or more document keywords from the document," and "generating a proximity factor for each pair of one of the plurality of images and one of the document keywords, the proximity factor reflecting a degree of correlation between the image and the document keyword of the pair", or means for doing so. Ho, Sciammarella, and Rosenbaum do

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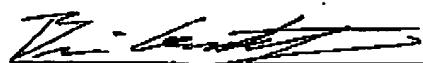
not disclose or suggest generating a proximity factor reflecting a degree of correlation between each pair of an image and a document keyword in which each image and each document keyword are located in one document that includes text and multiple images. Because Ho, Sciammarella, and Rosenbaum do not disclose or suggest elements of claims 1 and 27, Ho, Sciammarella, and Rosenbaum do not disclose or suggest claims 1 and 27. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 27, as well as claims 2-13 and claim 28, which depend from claims 1 and 27 respectively, are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 29 was rejected as unpatentable over Ho in view of Sciammarella and Rosenbaum. Applicant has amended claim 29 and respectfully submits that Ho, Sciammarella, and Rosenbaum either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest elements of claim 29. Claim 29 recites instructions operable to "receive a document comprising text and a plurality of images, each of the plurality of images having a location in the document; extract one or more document keywords from the document," and "generate a proximity factor for each pair of one of the plurality of images and one of the document keywords, the proximity factor reflecting a degree of correlation between the image and the document keyword of the pair." For at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 27, claim 29 as well as claims 30-40, which depends from claim 29, are in condition for allowance.

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